

ENGINEERS WILL STRIKE AUG. 7

Fifty-five Thousand Will Quit Unless Roads Yield.

LAST EFFORT BY PRESIDENT

He Will Endeavor to Persuade the Western Railroads to Accept Federal Mediation Board's Plan of Settlement.

Chicago, Aug. 1.—A strike of 55,000 engineers and firemen on 87 western railroads has been called for Friday, August 7, it was announced here by union officials, unless the railroads accept plan of settlement proposed by the federal board of mediation.

Washington, Aug. 1.—President Wilson will today make one final effort to bring about a peaceful settlement of the wage controversy between locomotive engineers and firemen and 88 railroads west of Chicago. The efforts of the United States board of mediation and conciliation have failed. For ten days the members have labored to bring employers and employees to an agreement to arbitrate their differences, and for the first time in the history of the board their efforts have come to naught.

On Wednesday the federal mediators, abandoning further hope, telegraphed to the president informing him of the seriousness of the situation. The president wired back inviting representatives of both sides to meet him today at the White House, when a last attempt will be made to bring about an agreement to arbitrate.

On the attempt fails union officials declare that a strike will be called on Wednesday or Thursday of next week which will mean the walkout of 55,000 engineers and firemen, affecting 160,000 railroad employees, and paralysis of eastern and western transportation.

William L. Chambers, commissioner of mediation, and Judge Martin A. Knapp, chairman of the board, left Chicago for Washington, and will lay before the president the developments and facts of the strike. W. W. Hanger, the other member of the federal board, remains in Chicago to keep in touch with the situation at that end.

The representatives of employers and employees met the way for the president. A. W. Trumbull, manager of the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha railroad, and chairman of the conference managers' committee, heads the employers' representatives.

Warren S. Stone, grand chief engineer of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, and W. S. Carter, president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen, go to represent the men.

Ninety-eight railroads are involved, including practically every line in the country west of the Illinois Central north and south line, and lines in Canada west of Port William.

May Call International Strike. Paris, Aug. 1.—The International Socialist congress representing 18,000,000 workers may call an international strike of the mining and transportation industries on account of the European war, according to a statement made here.

The congress, which is bitterly opposed to war, feels that such a strike may cool the ardor of those who want war, as a strike of this kind would tie up practically every railroad system on the continent and would force the closing of every industrial plant in a short time because of the lack of coal and steel.

Further than this, the tying up of the railroad systems would mean starvation for millions living inland who depend upon railroads to bring to them the largest portions of their food supplies.

Closes Saloons in Two Counties. Denver, Colo., Aug. 1.—Governor Adams has issued a proclamation closing all saloons in Huerfano and Las Animas counties for a period of three months from date. The proclamation is based on the request of Colonel Lockett, commanding the federal troops in the southern coal fields, and is made for the further reason that, "in the opinion of the governor, a condition of riot, insurrection and invasion still exists in the two counties named."

U. S. Naval Men Ordered Home. Geneva, Switzerland, Aug. 1.—American naval officers spending their vacations here have been recalled to Washington.

Mrs. Wakefield Found Guilty. New Haven, Conn., Aug. 1.—Mrs. Bessie J. Wakefield, of Middletown, was convicted of murder in the second degree and sentenced to state prison for life.

French Socialist Assassinated. Paris, Aug. 1.—Jean Lejeune, the noted socialist leader, was assassinated while dining in a small restaurant near the boulevard. The assassin was arrested, but refused to discuss his identity. Later he was identified as Robert Villain.

Killed at Crossing. Butler, Pa., Aug. 1.—Four persons were killed when an automobile was struck by a Bessemer and Lake Erie railroad passenger train on a crossing at Renfrew, near here.

Rebels Take City. Mexico City, Aug. 1.—The town of San Juan del Rio, 120 miles north of the capital, was captured by General Carranza and 12,000 men. There is some uneasiness here over the persistent constitutionalist movement westward.

Stock Exchanges Halt. New York, Aug. 1.—The vast and complex machinery of the securities markets of the world came to a complete halt yesterday for an indefinite period.

Flood Loss Report. Washington, July 31.—Drowning of more than 2,000 persons and property losses of \$4,000,000 resulting from great floods sweeping through twenty-nine districts in the province of Kwang-Tung, China, were reported in regular advices from Canton.

New York to Keep Gold. Washington, July 30.—European demands upon New York for gold will be met by transfers from the United States sub-treasuries so as to keep New York's reserves supplied.

OBREGON TOO ACTIVE

HE TAKES QUERETARO AND MAY HURRY TO MEXICO CITY, UPSETTING PLANS.

VILLA WORRIES WASHINGTON

Since He Left Saltillo Conference in Angry Mood the State Department Has Lost Track of Him and His Purposes.

Washington, Aug. 1.—Queretaro, the last stronghold of the federal forces north of Mexico City, has been captured by General Obregon, according to dispatches to the state department. Unofficial reports indicate that Obregon will proceed at once to the Mexican capital. This is at variance with the Carranza-Carballo plan under which all the constitutionalist leaders would enter Mexico City at the same time.

The state department has lost General Villa and has been unable to get answers to its recent instructions to its agents in Mexico to discover his purposes and report to Washington.

The last authentic dispatch to the department was from one of the constitutionalist leaders, who left the Carranza-Villa conference at Saltillo in bitter mood.

General Villa has no personal agent in Washington, but it is said that he suspects the close relations which have been brought about between the Carranza-Villa conference and Carranza.

Even officials in the state department are of the opinion that the resignation of Huerta, practically in favor of Carranza, through Carballo, was brought about when Carranza was in the Carranza-Villa conference at Saltillo in bitter mood.

Cabinet officers who were asked for news about General Villa and his movements were loath to discuss the subject. It can be asserted, however, on high military authority that Villa is regarded by the army as the man who brought about the fall of Huerta and that he with his army eventually would have gone to Mexico City whether or not Great Britain had secured the abdication of Huerta.

Most of the officers think Villa is in position to dictate terms to Carranza and that he is only waiting to hear what kind of terms Carranza and Carranza will agree on before making his purpose known.

Great Fire in Seattle. Docks and Other Buildings on Water Front Are Destroyed, the Loss Being \$1,250,000.

Seattle, Wash., Aug. 1.—A fire, which menaced many lives, with the possible death of two, and threatened the destruction of Seattle's entire waterfront, caused a property damage in excess of one million dollars.

Many people were huddled in on wharves and in water front offices and a dozen were so hard pressed that they jumped into the bay, from which they were rescued by the United States revenue cutter Unalga and other vessels. It is reported two are missing.

The Grand Trunk Pacific Railway company's pier, over seven hundred feet in length, and the Seattle port commission's ferry wharf were completely destroyed. The Coleman dock, from which about forty vessels of the mosquito fleet are operated, was so badly damaged that more than half of it will have to be rebuilt. Pier No. 2, owned by the Northern Pacific railway, also was damaged.

Henry Spencer is Hanged. Man Who Confessed to 25 Murders Pays the Penalty for Killing Mrs. Rexroat.

Chicago, Aug. 1.—Henry Spencer, who confessed to 25 murders and many other horrible crimes, was hanged in the Du Page county jail at Wheaton, Ill., for killing Mrs. Mildred Allison Rexroat, a tango teacher, who was infatuated with him.

The hardened criminal a few days ago had said: "I'm tired of waiting; get out the rope and let's have it over."

Spencer's victims were mostly women. "I have killed men," he said recently, "but women always attracted me to the extent that they killed me with a murderous passion. I am a woman-hater."

Paris Has Money Famine. London, July 31.—A money famine prevails in Paris to such an extent that it is proving a most serious hindrance to business. The people are absolutely frightened at the thought of a financial crisis and are hoarding gold and silver.

Kills Brother and Himself. Jackson, Miss., July 31.—Thomas E. Taylor, an undertaker, was shot and killed on a street here by his brother Robert, a business rival, who then killed himself. Robert fired four loads of buckshot into his brother's body.

Killed by Jealous Husband. Evansville, Ind., July 31.—Herman Kinman, aged thirty years, of Petersburg, Ind., was killed here by William Markley. The weapon used was a razor. It is said Kinman had been paying attentions to Mrs. Markley.

Leaps to Death in Jail. Buffalo, N. Y., July 31.—Rather than endure the disgrace of imprisonment for a term of years, a man, forty-two years old, of Huntington, L. I., dived to death from the third gallery of the Erie county jail.

Reads War Bulletins; Falls Dead. New York, July 31.—As he stood at the ticker reading news bulletins of the Austro-Serbian war, Henry Borien, sixty-four years old, a retired merchant, dropped dead in the office of Henry Clegg & Co.

Mrs. Britten Goes Up in Air. Washington, July 31.—Mrs. Fred A. Britten, wife of Representative Britten of Illinois, will be the first woman to go up in the Burgess Dunn airplane the government is testing at Newport News, Va.

Fatal Automobile Accident. Galesburg, Ill., July 31.—Godfrey Adamson was fatally injured and Mrs. L. W. Elhart instantly killed when the automobile in which they were riding was struck by a fast freight train miles east of Joy.

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